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Curlers Elect Officers, Consider Rules Changed

CROSSFIELD.—Annual meeting of the Crossfield Curling Club March 22 was highlighted by election of officers and appointment of a committee to consider possible changes in club rules.

The club met at the curling rink, with president Arnott in the chair. Minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved in the usual manner.

A report from the convenor of the committee which visited Warner was given, and this "ice-holding method" was discussed and held over for future consideration.

The question of painting the roof arose and after some discussion tabled with the suggestion that aluminum paint be used; this having a tendency to reflect sun rays.

L. Beddoes and C. Fox were appointed to study the club's constitution, with a view to possibly altering and amending of club rules.

The election of officers followed which resulted in the following members taking seats on the executive: Hon. president, Mr. Stral; president, Wilson Stafford; vice-president, Leonard Beddoes; secretary-treasurer, Carl Becker.

Merle Walker, Wilson, Stewart, and Becker were named to the executive committee. H. Mumby was elected chaplain.

Family Day Show

Don't forget to be present on Monday, April 3, 2:30 p.m., at the Community hall as you are an invited guest at a show sponsored by your Sturdie Oil Dealer, H. McDonald, who promises the whole kiddies: Three Little Bruins, The Chimp's Adventure, and Pup's family reels of fun. Shows for the Christmas, Sport thrillers and travellogues for adults.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of George Leash, who passed away April 3, 1948.

Ever Remembered by His Wife and Family.

CHURCHES

chiropractic treatment. Don't forget to go to church. You have four in your town.

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF ASCENSION

Rev. A. B. Lee
First, third and fifth Sunday—
Evensong at 7:30 p.m.

Second Sunday
Holy Communion at 11:00 a.m.
Fourth Sunday—

Morning Prayer at 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rev. Father Tessier
Holy Mass—First and Fifth Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

Holy Mass—Second and Fourth Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. B. MacDonald
Services

Sunday Morning at 11:00 a.m.
Bible School at 10:00 noon.

Prayer Service Thursday at 8:30 p.m.

Service at Mount View Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Service at Dog Pound at 3:00 p.m.

UNITED CHURCH

Rev. W. Anderson
Sunday School at 11:00 a.m.

Evening Service at 7:30 a.m.
Service at Madden on Sunday at 12:00.

BEISEKER NEWS BRIEFS

BEISEKER.—The pupils of Mr. Bryan's room are aiding the Easter Bunny on his trip to the Red Cross hospital. They are collecting eggs to send in. The response I believe has been quite good.

Jimmy Schmitz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Schmitz, had the misfortune of cracking his leg. Jimmy has been in the Red Cross hospital for over a year being treated for a bone disease of the leg. He was expected home soon but this will keep him there for a while yet.

The Columbus Club held their monthly meeting in the Beiseker hall on Monday evening.

Mrs. N. J. Veller, Jack and Jill spent last week visiting at the home of the former's sister, Mrs. O. Tohver of Rumsey.

Among persons from Beiseker in Holy Cross hospital, recently were Frank Lyswski, Alf Hagel, Donald Hagel and Mrs. P. J. Hagel. The two former ones have already returned to their homes.

The Ladies' Bridge Club met at the home of Mrs. Jack Selzies this week. Mrs. J. F. Plante and Mrs. M. A. Bettin were the winners.

The CYO held a concert composed of two one-act plays and a few other numbers on Monday evening. The plays were very well presented to a record crowd.

CROSSFIELD IN TABLOID

Mrs. Isobel Radclif, psychiatrist at Cheyenne, Wash., with her young daughter, was a recent visitor at the home of her mother, Mrs. Willis who has been under the weather lately. She was also able to visit with her mother, Mrs. Haworth and sister Helen and other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wigle had for their guests on Saturday, March 25, the former's brother Jack, his wife and family and the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Giles of Calgary who spent the weekend. They enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner and an enjoyable time on the farm.

Last week Mrs. Ken Pearce entertained the East 500 Club at six tables of cards. Top scores were shared by Jim and Margaret Aldred while Bob Aldred and Mills Smart received consolations. Mrs. Pearce served mid-night lunch.

Mrs. Maxine Wickerson was hostess at a dinner in her home March 21 when 10 guests enjoyed cold turkey with all the trimmings. The evening was spent in playing Rummikub.

There was an error in last week's report of 450 lbs. of clothing being gathered in the Old Clothing Drive. There were 650 delivered to the CPR to go to Overseas Relief via Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Fox entertained a dozen guests at a turkey dinner and Canasta party on Friday March 24. Top honors at cards went to Alice Hergert and F. Ruddy, with consolations to Carrie Ruddy and Ed Fraser.

The Stevens, Sharps and Lillies

BLINDNESS AVERTED, PLAN MAY WEDDING



Credit: Crossfield Chronicle

After an eye operation that may save her from blindness, Doreen Stoulenberg lies in a New York hospital, thankful to the unknown donor of the cornea which was transplanted to her eye, and dreaming of her May wedding, in London, Ont., to Lou Stacey, shown with her. Partially blinded since childhood, the sight of one good eye was restored by the transplant. The other eye is also bad. When a cornea was available in New York, she was notified and went by air for the operation. The operation is believed to be a success.

School Students Aid Red Cross

BEISEKER.—The pupils of grades 7 and 8 under the guidance of their teacher, Mr. Lorna Bunyan and who are members of the Junior Red Cross are doing a very worthwhile and praise-worthy work, which is in keeping with the slogan of the year by gathering eggs as a donation to the Junior Red Cross hospital in Calgary.

Mike Chapman and Frank Lewis drove to Edmonton where Mike will undergo observation for a suspected thyroid condition at the University hospital.

Miss Dorothy Morrison was a weekend visitor at the Ken Borbridge home.

motorized to Calgary Saturday night to see the Will Rogers show in the Palace theater.

Young Matron's Sewing Club had as its last two hostesses, Mrs. Mary-Karen Bills and Mrs. Mary Fox.

Mrs. Geo. Bonni is a patient in the hospital at Calgary, suffering from a heart seizure.

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Odd Fellows Pete Rebekahs

CROSSFIELD.—Members of the Odd Fellows Lodge No. 42 of Crossfield showed their Rebekah friends that they were second to none in the fine arts of cuisine when they went all out to entertain them after the close of their regular meeting on Monday, March 27 at 9:00 p.m. It was a grand treat as the gentlemen were in full charge.

The first treat was a showing of three colored films by our local electrician, Bert Bannister: No. 1, "The Bannisters' trip to Victoria and home again"; 2, "The Calgary Stampede"; and 3, "the moving of the East Community Hall through the coulee and on to its present site." Mr. Bannister received hearty applause.

The men then had heaps of fun playing bingo, after which they were seated at long tables to enjoy a cold turkey banquet with excellent coffee, made by Mrs. George Fox, P.G.M., officiated M.C., and the brothers in charge of the band were W. McRae, M.N.G.; W. W. Stafford, Wm. and Alf Bailey.

Justice N.G. Grace Budgeon expressed many thanks on behalf of the Rebekahs.

Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stafford entertained at a Canasta party. The guests were: Miss K. Petersen; their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Brown, all of Calgary; and Mr. W. W. Stafford, who is a master in the fine art of the game of Canasta.

The Lions Club feels that appreciation can be shown to F. J. Schmitz for arranging this evening and also to district nurse Mrs. Longson and to the Calgary Junior Chamber of Commerce, by turning out in large numbers for these interesting and instructive lectures.

Jr. Girls' Clubs Tour Calgary

CROSSFIELD.—On Friday, March 24, Miss Hogg, District Home Economist, reported a 100 per cent turn-out in the five Junior Girls' Clubs in her jurisdiction, when she conducted a tour of inspection through some of Calgary's leading industrial plants.

Twenty-seven members from Crossfield were in attendance. The first visit was made to the Locker Plant on the North Hill on center street where they were conducted through all departments and were privileged to see a demonstration on the curing and wrapping of hams.

The second point of interest was Jenkins' Bakery where they viewed all the huge quantities of baking and at the intricate mechanism of baked devices.

At 1:30 their tour led them to Terrill's Green House. Here they enjoyed a talk on the growth and cultivation of roses. As their time was fleeting 5:30 p.m. found them all seated in the Commodore Restaurant on 7th ave. to enjoy a specially prepared banquet.

Mrs. Annie Aldred was in charge of the Crossfield section and reported an interesting and instructive tour.

Crossfield Bridge Tournament Ends

Place and time—8 p.m., Community Memorial Hall (4 sessions).

Spouse and benefits—Home & School, netted \$100.

Conveners—B. Stillings and Doris Casey; 100 per cent management.

Kitchen courtesy—Mrs. King and Nola Becker (appreciated fully).

High plus over opponents score plus 15950—E. Sharp, Crossfield; and E. Clayton, Airdrie.

High aggregate, plus 32150—awarded to Mrs. Wray and Mrs. Mills, Carstairs.

Hidden prize, plus 22240—won by Hank McDonald and son George, Crossfield.

Lowest score, minus 17930 (submerged)—won by Mrs. Mansell and Mrs. Crossfield, Crossfield.

The 10th Clayton team actually had a higher (34180) aggregate, but prizes were awarded to second in line as no team was allowed both honors.

Prizes in respective order—hand made India Nundah rugs; end table and electric clock; Duraplate plastic cards; and lastly, leather wallets.

Donald Wizzards were H. McDonald, B. Stillings, D. Casey and A. Edlund.

CHURCHES CROSSFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH

Minister, Rev. J. Mac Donald SERVICES

Sunday Morning Worship, 11 a.m. Bible School 12 noon

Prayer Service, Thursday, 3:30 p.m.

Junior Service Friday, 7 p.m.

Y.P. Service Friday, 8 p.m.

Dog Pound Sunday Service—3:30 p.m.

Mount View Sunday Service—7:30 p.m.

A Cordial Welcome to All

Council Meetings

The regular monthly meeting will be held in the Village Council Hall.

FIRE HALL

on the

First Monday of each Month

at 8:30 p.m.

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RURAL ELECTRIFICATION

The rapid extension of Farm Electrification in Alberta and the continuing and increasing demand for more of this service is evidence enough of how it is being appreciated and also that the costs to be met by the farmer for the services rendered are reasonable.

Despite this, there are occasional reports of discussions in areas not being served by Central Power Companies where once in a while some individual will suggest that the service would cost the consumer less if the government would take over the whole field of generation and transmission.

How far this argument from the truth can be seen when comparison is made with Saskatchewan where conditions most closely parallel those of Alberta, in its state of development and its agricultural background where a similar sparsity of population is present. The number of customers to the mile is the principal factor that determines high or low costs to the consumer.

In the general knowledge that in Saskatchewan roughly half the capital line costs are absorbed by the government, it could be expected that this relief would reflect itself in lower costs for the farmers' energy. A study of the rates and charges applied in the two provinces shows no such advantage. In fact, the cost of energy to the Saskatchewan farmer is higher than that of his Alberta neighbor, who carries the whole load himself without assistance from the general taxpayer or from any other source.

In arriving at this conclusion, a monthly consumption of 100 k.w. hours is taken as a basis, this being a reasonably low average of the amount that is actually used.

In Alberta, in the farms served by Canadian Utilities Limited, the total monthly bill for 100 k.w. hours is \$3.50 as against the charge for a like amount in Saskatchewan of \$7.10, or bills for a full year of \$66.00 and \$82.50.

To make a complete or fair comparison however, allowance for interest on the farmers' capital investment in the two provinces must be made. The typical farmers' investment in Alberta amounts to \$1,050.00 while in Saskatchewan it is only \$577.00 out of a total cost of \$1,057.00, \$480.00 of which is absorbed by the government.

Allowing 4% as a reasonable yearly interest rate on these investments gives us an interest allowance for Alberta of \$42.00, for Saskatchewan \$23.08.

The total all inclusive yearly costs for 1,800 k.w. hours would therefore be \$108.00 to the Alberta farmer as against \$108.28 in Saskatchewan.

As mentioned, 100 k.w. hours is a low average monthly consumption. When this is exceeded the picture becomes more advantageous to Alberta. On a basis of 150 k.w. hours the costs are \$120.00 and \$126.28, and at 200 k.w. hours we find yearly bills of \$132.00 and \$144.28.

DEFIANT TRUMAN WILL RUN AGAIN

It is no longer any secret that cocky, self-assured Harry S. Truman will seek another term as president of the United States. Barking defiance at would-be Democratic standard-bearers for 1952, Truman is threatening to blast into political eternity the leaders of another Democratic insurrection.

This is despite the fact he has been unable to write into the law of the land the issues on which he won election.

Although the Democrats have a firm majority in both houses of Congress, White House policies are stalled. Truman charges "vested interests" with sabotaging his welfare state schemes, and plans to go to the public on this issue in this fall's congressional elections, and in the 1952 presidential contest.

NOTES AND COMMENT

A coward is a man who lets his fears control him.

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An efficiency expert is one who believes that it is easier to get somebody else to work than do the work.

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The day will come when there will be few streets available for the parking of motor cars—there will be too much traffic.

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Soviet Russia, so we hear, is building a large fleet of submarines. These, it should be plain, are not intended for land warfare.

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Every politician would like to win by a thumping majority but a minority, which carries the office, is always acceptable.

SCRIPTURAL MEDITATIONS

"The apostle says, 'Let every man, wherein he is called, therein abide with God.' The businessman may conduct his business in a way that will glorify his Master but the Christian, who is a true follower of Christ, he will carry his religion into everything that is done, and reveal to men the spirit of Christ."

—Steps to Christ."

Letters to the Editor

HUMANE SOCIETY

Dear Sir: Work of the Alberta Humane Society has been greatly handicapped for lack of a building where stray and unwanted animals may be cared for until good homes for them.

Last fall lots were purchased and work commenced on a small shelter, with an office and living quarters for an attendant.

As we are \$15,000 short of the contractor's \$18,000 bid, the Alberta Council of Churches and Edmonton Donations Advisory Board have granted us permission to solicit funds to complete this very necessary and worthy project.

Any donation will be appreciated and may be sent to 12421 102 Avenue, Edmonton.

Yours truly,
MINNIE M. MILES,
President.

INDEPENDENT PAPER

Dear Sir: I have followed the ups and downs of your Lac Ste. Anne Chronicle ever since it has been published at Sault Ste. Marie and have during that time gained some insight into the reasons for the independence of this paper. One of these reasons is the fact that Mr. Skinner was quite willing to refrain from expressing his political opinions in the paper.

I thought that under the new set up the old broadsheet might be eliminated, but I am in the latest issue that you are taking up where Mr. Skinner left off.

I think it would be much better if the new paper did stick to straight news reporting and would leave politics to the party papers and the more or less "independent" ones.

There would be no harm in presenting the different parties' viewpoints in an independent daily newspaper. We believe independent publishing is a good idea and we are in no way attacking anyone's right to be independent. Yours truly,

SIGMUND FROELICH, President.

Editor's Note—Mr. Froelich has discovered what we've been looking for—an independent daily newspaper. We believe independent publishing is a good idea and we are in no way attacking anyone's right to be independent. We call ourselves "independent" because we feel free to comment without fear of being persecuted on any subject, politics included.

LETTER TO PREMIER

Hon. E. G. Manning,
in the Capital
Alberta Legislative Assembly,
Edmonton.

Dear Mr. Manning:

The writer is to protest enactment of Bill 50—"The County Act"—into law.

Your government was elected in 1949 on a platform that gave us liberty, to use the resources of the province for the welfare of the people, and to safeguard democracy in this country.

This bill plainly is a rejection of these principles. It subordinates education and health to the Department of Internal Affairs.

Both education and health are basic and fundamental to the stability and welfare of society, and we do not believe in an act so dangerous and unnecessary.

What are the gains the County Act will confer to offset the crippling of education and health almost inevitable when the act is implemented?

I have heard this bill discussed

IN SEARCH OF THE YUKON

By JACK BIRD

NOTE: This is a continuation of a series of articles written by Mr. Bird and started in Community Publications late in 1949. Mr. Bird recently travelled in the Yukon district and account of his journeys and impressions he received are expressed in this series of articles.

Many men lost their lives on their way to the Klondike. Sixty-five one Sunday morning were swept away in a dozen when the snow came sliding down and buried them 30 feet deep. That was on the Chilkoot Pass about nine miles from the Yukon River to the Klondike River. The Pass. And not for nothing did Dead Horse Gulch get its name. It is a steep, wild rugged canyon along the railroad track.

There were many hundreds of horses sent to the Yukon by the Levees. Many of them were lost. These horses that could not get over the hump with their load of provisions and equipment.

Whitehorse is a town of some 3,000 people. It is the Levees' only tributary. The Yukon is many people's first stop on the trail to the Klondike. I saw no farms around Whitehorse, just clay flats and hills, and low mountains in the distance.

Those big sternwheel river boats finally came in the middle of October, and when I saw them they were all hauled up on the shore for the winter. There were 100 of them, as well as long, red roacs. No doubt these boats were floated to their position well up the flat-sloping bank, there is a dam across that river which raises the water eleven feet.

By releasing the water in the spring the ice breaks up quickly, releasing a load of silt and a whole month's more navigation.

The Yukon river freezes over from the bottom up, and not from the top down. I saw some of these river boats, perhaps 250 feet long, that have been lying there on the shore since shortly after the turn of the year. Their timbers are still hard and sound.

One of them, the Yukon, drew two more water as it is said, for the Yangon River so there she has lain, a white elephant, ever since about 1903.

The other old-timer, the Boundary, has been damaged in the Five Finger Rapids and drawn up on the bank for repairs. Although she was repaired, she was never launched again. And so there she has lain, on an even

bank in public and in private, and the result is that in this case it is alarm both at the Yukon and in the rest of the province that the nature of its proposals, and that the government should suddenly introduce such a plan of legislation, and that it poses to our welfare and freedom.

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Yours truly,
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EDMOND PAPER

Editorial.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a cheque for \$2 to renew our subscription. We are enjoying the paper and news from our old home town where we lived for 23 years.

Yours truly,
MRS. O. J. WEGGUM,
Denton, Montana.

Keel, alongside the Yukoner, since about 1910.

I walked out to the Whitehorse rapids, a mile and a half from town. And then five miles farther on to the Chilkoot Pass, the green, rocky, white, flecked water rushes along between two vertical walls of brown rock that tower high above the river bank. There I found a country road farther on where in the gold-rush days I believe Canyon City used to be. It must have been a town of tents, for I found many left of it today— if I looked in the right place.

Next I walked on to the place where the stampede was when we did not want to go through the canyon and shoot the rapids, disembarked. The little jetty is still there. So is the narrow-gauge railway bridge across the river. I saw no farms around Whitehorse, just clay flats and hills, and low mountains in the distance.

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(To be continued)

Meals in Whitehorse cost from 70 cents to \$1.50. In Alaska they cost from 50 cents to \$1.50 and a quarter. A room at the hotel, in both Alaska and the Yukon, costs \$2.50 a night.

Meals were just under \$1 north latitude. There the first walk in November it would begin to get dark about 3:00 o'clock and by 3:30 many of the lights would be on. At the light house, at 4:00 o'clock all the lights would be on. Odd as it may seem—to me at least—the people up in the Yukon did tell me that they prefer the winters to the summers.

Meals in Whitehorse cost from 70 cents to \$1.50. In Alaska they cost from 50 cents to \$1.50 and a quarter. A room at the hotel, in both Alaska and the Yukon, costs \$2.50 a night.

Spotlight on . . .

ALBERTA

A News Section About Alberta People,
Week Ending April 1, 1950

Councillors of Morinville District



Shown here are council members of Morinville Municipal District No. 91. All are experienced administrators of this modern and progressive district.

Morinville Councillors Govern Modern, Progressive District

An extremely well-governed municipality in northern Alberta is the Municipal District of Morinville No. 91. The district embraces the communities of St. Albert, Legal, Morinville, Riviere Qui Barre, and Vimy, with a combined population of several thousand. The district is a modern and progressive one, settled by prosperous farmers and businessmen serving the rural district flanking Edmonton.

Reeve of Morinville Municipal District is Mr. J. G. Dusseault, who first commenced council duties in 1934 in the old municipal district of Hazelwood. Mr. Dusseault, who was formerly a school teacher, left that profession to farm in the Vimy district, and soon became one of the best known farmers in the municipality.

Mr. Dusseault served for several years on the Board of the Sturgeon School Division. He has been winner twice of the "Save the Soil Campaign" and recently won the master farmer award for the district.

Councillor John Schafers, a farmer in the Morinville district, was first elected to council in 1943 on the formation of the enlarged district. He has since received two acclamations to office in

representing Division 1 in the district.

Another farmer councillor is Mr. Gustave Meunier, who was first elected in 1947 and re-elected by acclamation this year. He is the son of Wilfred Meunier, an old-timer in the district.

A farmer of the Riviere Qui Barre district, Mr. N. C. Perron took his seat in council in 1948. Mr. Perron is widely known in the district and takes an active part in community affairs. His farm is a section of one of just north of Riviere Qui Barre, and his family have long lived in the district.

Mr. Stanley Walker is a farmer in the Calahoo district, and was first elected to council last year. Mr. Walker is the youngest member of the council. He is active in many organizations in the municipality.

Secretary-Treasurer of the municipality, Mr. J. O. Patry has 11 years of service in municipal affairs. He served four years on the old Hazelwood council and since the formation of the Morinville Municipal District in 1943 he has served on the new council.

As assistant to the secretary-treasurer, Mrs. S. Mercier has served in this capacity since 1945.

Lionel R. Larose completes the office staff as typist clerk, and has been with the district since June, 1949.

Walter Elliott, prominent farmer of the district, is the field supervisor of the Morinville agricultural service board, and has been known for years for his work in the district.

Mr. Elliott is also secretary of the Morinville Municipal Seed Cleaning Co-op Ltd., which was recently completed and is now in operation serving farmers of the region.

Goodyear To Open Edmonton Office

Another indication of northern Alberta's industrial growth will be the opening in Edmonton March 20 of a new branch of the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company. Now completed, the Edmonton outlet will serve northern Alberta, the Northwest Territories and parts of Northern British Columbia.

The company has found that tremendous growth of the oil industry, along with increased Alberta grain acreage, creates a demand for rubber products which requires expanded facilities for distribution. Both industry and farmer are heavy users of rubber goods.

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Site one—Mile 2-4 Jasper-Banff Highway; site two—the shore of Patricia Lake; site three—the shore of Patricia Lake.

Particulars concerning the sites to be let, the conditions to be complied with, terms of agreement and licence which may be issued, and the basis on which the award of concessions will be made, may be obtained from the Park Superintendent.

JAMES SMART,
Controller.

Ottawa, March 30, 1950,
National Parks and Historic Sites
Service,
Department of Resources and
Development.

Initiative and Enterprise Is J. Camarta's Success Story

MORINVILLE. — Those who preach the end of private enterprise and decry personal ambition, can learn a lesson from the success story of John Camarta, written in the daily production of coal at the Morinville Colliery.

This mine, two miles southwest of Morinville, was, before Mr. Camarta came here in 1945, just a stubble field. Now the field is known all over Alberta, and the huge coal delivery elevator is visible for miles around.

Coal from the mine is shipped down east and to the coast. The new coal cutter will soon make greater production possible.

The Morinville Colliery, in the busy season, employs 25 to 30 men and produces 100 tons daily of high quality coal. Next season, with better equipment and more modern screening methods, an even better quality product will be delivered in greater volume. Capacity is expected to reach 200 tons per day next winter.

The shaft, which was started in November 1945, now reaches a quarter of a mile from the mine head, nearly 1,500 feet. This, of course, is a deep strip mine, and coal is brought out on small trucks on rails. A new hoist and triple mechanism dumps the coal from the rail trucks to road vehicles below making for the most speedy and efficient service.

Morinville Colliery's famous "Spitfire" coal is known and used all over north-central Alberta, a tribute to the foresight and initiative of John Camarta.

Red Poll Chief Tours Alberta

"We not only have the best breed of cattle, but the best people associated with it," says H. Bert Summer, St. Albert, in speaking of the Alberta Red Poll Club and the Canadian Red Poll Association. Mr. Summer has recently returned from a trip throughout the provinces, visiting various stock farms, and the annual meeting of the Canadian Red Poll Association at Portage la Prairie.

Accompanying Mr. Summer was the new president, Mr. H. Atkinson, director for Alberta.

As president of the Alberta Red Poll Club, Mr. Summer, in his recent tour throughout Alberta, visited several stock farms in the province, including those at St. Albert, Nama, Millet, Morning-side, Rimney, Ponoka, Lacombe and elsewhere.

"My impressions were that the greatest amount of good is being done by the ROP breeders," asserts Mr. Summer.



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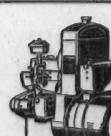
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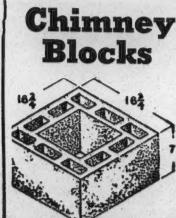
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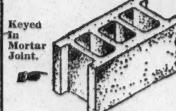
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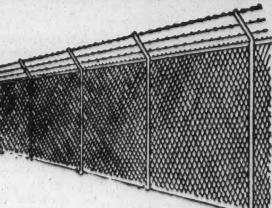
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This series would not be complete without reference to Peavine's "Grand Old Man," Joseph Robert Romeo. Mr. Romeo was born in Bordeaux, France in 1854. His father was a ship's chandler and realizing that Antwerp, Belgium was destined to be one of the greatest ports in Europe, he moved there with his family in 1863. Mr. Romeo was educated in Ghent and Antwerp and growing up around the docks of this great port it is not surprising that he soon felt the need to call the sea. When he was 16 years of age, the Franco-Prussian War broke out and Mr. Romeo seeking adventure, left home and joined the French army with which he saw action at the battle of the Sedan. His father thought that a three-year spell of army life and discipline—particularly the latter—would be good for him but his mother wanted him home and as a result, at the conclusion of the war succeeded in having him discharged on account of his age.

However, he did not stay home long as the call of the sea was too strong. He became a member of the crew of a ship sailing from Antwerp and, during the next four years as a sailor visited many of the ports of the world. In 1876 his ship docked at New Orleans and as they liked the city so well, he and a friend decided to stay there. Hearing that in Texas men were being recruited to fight under Custer against the Indians, the two Americans decided to go to Texas and enlist. While at a place later known as Morgan City his friend had a quarrel with a Mexican over a game of billiards. The Mexican attacked the friend with a knife. To save his partner, Mr. Romeo unhesitatingly grabbed a bottle and swung, felling the Mexican with a blow on the head. In the resulting con-

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Mr. Romeo abandoned the idea of fighting Indians and decided to try farming. His first venture was the purchase—a time of 80 acres, most of which was good walnut timber. Selling out at a profit, he left Louisiana and bought land in Mississippi where he was married in 1877. During the next 30 years he farmed in Mississippi, Louisiana, East Texas, West Texas and finally in Oklahoma. His main crops were cotton and corn.

In that time there were many "runs". As a new territory was thrown open for settlement, there was a mad scramble for new land. Many would sell the land they had for a small sum and join in the hunt for newer and better land at the foot of the rainbow.

Mr. Romeo never joined in these runs but was content to buy a good location cheap from a man who was anxious to move on. And so he prospered as in a year or two he was able to sell his land at a good profit and then he would repeat the process.

Life in the South was wild, more or less lawless, hectic, exciting in those nineteenth century days and Mr. Romeo had his share of excitement. Rustlers flourished and at times were very aggressive. Our old timer joined the "Villagers" and took part in various long chases after horse and cattle thieves. These chases were not always successful but sometimes the stolen stock was recovered and occasionally what would capture the rustler. Retribution was then prompt and effective as the rustlers were immediately hanged. Mr. Romeo was only present on one completely successful mission when two rustlers were captured and hung. In those days there was often trouble and fighting with the Indians as well, but Mr. Romeo missed this feature of frontier life and says, "No one saw fewer Indians or had less contact with them than I."

In 1907 Mr. Romeo made his last long move in search for land, as in that year, seeking land for himself and his five sons, he and his family came to Edmonton and eventually, after many days travel on the arduous trail, they came to a newly located land north-west of the lake now known as Lake Romeo. Mr. Romeo was the first settler in Township 58, Range 7, West of the 5th. For years his house was a famous land mark and "stopping place" for all who came into this district over the Belvedere-Mossdale route, being the first place to be seen on emerging from the almost impassable "road" through the brush west of Mossdale. Every traveler of the 1907-1913 period was cheered by the sight of this house and the thoughts of the good meals awaiting him there.

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For a while the Peavine Post Office was also at this store, but in 1912 the store was closed, the post office moved to its present location and Mr. Romeo concentrated on farming. After the First World War he sold this farm to his son, Lees (who had gone overseas with the 14th Battalion) and with Mrs. Romeo went for a trip

to see the children and friends they had left behind in the south.

Returning, Mr. Romeo bought another farm in Peavine but after the death of Mrs. Romeo in 1927—those golden wedding year—he sold this farm and for eight years was Imperial Oil Agent at Rochfort Bridge.

He took up a second homestead immediately north of, and overlooking Lake Romeo (which was named for him).

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THE CHURCH IN ROME
International Sunday School Lesson for March 26, 1950
Lesson Text: Romans 1: 1, 7-12; Acts 28: 14b-15, 30-31.

MEMORY SELECTION "I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to every one who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek."—Romans 1: 16.

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There is no doubt that it was Paul's undying ambition to preach the gospel in Rome and, throughout his ministry, he bent his endeavour in that direction. It looked as if he would be denied his desire, but toward the close of his work, while he was in Jerusalem, the Lord made it known to him that he was to go to Rome with divine approval (Acts 23:11).

To trace his experience en route to his eventual arrival in the capital of the great Roman empire is a most interesting revelation. From Ephesus he went to Jerusalem, where he conferred with the leaders of the faith. To please the orthodox Jews, he followed a ceremony of purification in the temple. His enemies however, having seen him with Gentiles, complained that he carried these forbidden persons into the temple and their accusations quickly stirred up the mob.

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munity from such punishment as a Roman citizen.

He was carried before the Sanhedrin, of which he had been a member, and after a conference with the chief priest, Paul raised the question of intercalation, knowing that the Pharisees and the Sadducees differed in their beliefs at this point. As expected the issue transferred the attention somewhat from Paul as the Pharisees upheld his viewpoint. So vigorous was the resulting contention that the Roman officer carried him away.

The Jews were determined to rid of Paul. His nephew, learning of their plans, warned him and Paul was sent under escort to Caesarea, the capital of Judea. Before Felix, the governor, Paul's accusers presented their charges and Paul replied to them. Felix understood the Jewish differences and how seriously they regarded religious questions. However, he postponed a decision, keeping Paul in prison, but with indulgences, for two years, some thinking that Felix was waiting to be bribed to release him.

Felix was succeeded as governor by Festus, who was a centurion. He again heard the charges against Paul and Paul's denial of their accusations. Festus was about to send Paul to Jerusalem for trial, which would mean his certain doom and exercised his privilege as a Roman citizen to appeal his case to Caesar. This meant he would have to be sent to Rome.

Paul and several other prisoners were turned over to the Centurion Julius. In the first ship on the long journey, the party proceeded up the coast of Palestine and then northwardly to Myra, where all transferred to a grain ship, probably out of Egypt, bound for Rome. Unable to cross the Aegean, the vessel sailed southward to Crete, where it ran into a violent storm and was wrecked.

Following the shipwreck at Malta, Paul and the entire 270 who had been aboard ship spent three months on the island, where Paul took advantage of the opportunity to preach the gospel. After the on a third ship, another grain vessel and finally landed on the Italian mainland at Puteoli. From there Paul made his way to Rome.

Arriving at Rome Paul was continued as a prisoner but while a guard was chained to him, he was allowed considerable freedom in so far as his stationary residence permitted. He conferred with leading Jews, delivered a great address to a large gathering of his racial kindred and continued his work for the gospel, establishing a church here for the furtherance of the gospel. It was to that church that Paul wrote his letter to the Romans, the basis for our study this week.

Paul was not brought to trial. Eighteen months of no pressing charges against a prisoner were considered sufficient to free him so Paul was liberated. For several years he labored and travelled. Some think he went to Spain.

School House Riot

By T. T. Thompson
The catupet rasped a weary note,
The droning harp like stricken
state,
The caller yelled a Sassee right,
You balance swing and sassee
back.
Yon prancing swain and dancing
swain,
Just hug and grab and bump the
same.

What's to worry, we've passed the
door
What's high brow melody, here's
the floor.
There comes a couple, they got it
bad,
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mad!
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Old maids, young ones, stout or
slim,
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Married, single, lame or deaf,
Forgot their troubles and grab
what's left.
Not by your leave but dern it—
come!
We've the spirit and it ain't all
rum.

School farm aches when the
quadrille ends,
You bet, by gum, she sure un-
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ATA Opposes County System, Backs CKUA

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recently teacher representatives denounced the proposed actions of the provincial government on two counts—the proposal to discontinue operation of radio station CKUA, and the proposal to institute a county system in Alberta.

The executive requested the government to reconsider decision to disperse with CKUA. They pointed out that there is a very vital need for a non-commercial radio station in Alberta and that discontinuation of this service would be a severe blow to provincial education and culture in general.

Referring to the proposed county system Mr. Ansley stated that this measure is probably the most disturbing piece of legislation ever to be brought before the citizens of Alberta. He stated that under its present proposed setup, the plan if enacted would jeopardize the very roots of democratic principles of local governments. School boards would lose their financial independence and would no doubt be abolished within a few years. School superintendents would become employees of municipal councils and would lose their security of tenure and their personal rights. The system would increase centralization at a time when decentralization is of increasing importance. Members of the school board, who today run the schools would not be responsible directly to the people, and politics would undoubtedly get into our school system, Mr. Ansley stated.

In reviewing the various actions taken to date Mr. Ansley stated that the Alberta Educational Council had asked the caucus for the privilege of appearing before the committee of the legislature but the request had been refused. The intention was to present the opinion of both trustees and teachers about the proposed county system of administration.

As far as is known, not a single school man in Alberta has been asked for an opinion about the effects of the county system of administration on schools, and to date not a single person who has spoken in favor of the county system can be regarded as an authority on education, Mr. Ansley stated.

Both the CKUA proposal and the County legislation will be brought before the annual general meeting of the Alberta Teachers' Association in Calgary April 10, 11 and 12, and it is expected that strong opposition to the proposals will be voiced at that time. Meanwhile, teachers throughout the province have been asked to lodge protests through their respective MLAs.

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Mr. White stated that expenditures of the oil industry on exploration and development, now running at the rate of \$150 million a year, together with the more than \$325 millions being spent on pipe lines, refineries and other projects were obviously stimulating western prosperity and providing new opportunities for businessmen.

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CGIT Presents Variety Program

CROSSFIELD.— Mrs. Ruth Banta and Mrs. Margaret Vetter, CGIT leaders, combined the talent of their two groups to produce a well-balanced and interesting concert on Friday March 24. There were few outside numbers added to the program for variety and the performers were all very happy to lend their talent to a packed house.

The program was opened and closed by songs from Donna Vetter, one of Crossfield's rising little artists. There were piano solos by Joyce McDonnell, Beth Landymore and Norma Borbridge; songs and dance by Marion Banta and Roslyn Bills; readings by Birgit Anderson and Mrs. Lilley; solos by Joyce Cole, Jeanne Conley, Dorothy and Dorothy Vetter; duets by Mr. and Mrs. Billie Mrs. Stillings and Joyce Cole; accordion solos by Janet Anhors and Walter Lilley; the Irish Jig and Sailors; Hornpipe danced by Gail Konashuk and her sister Dianne; the Sword Dance by Connie Stewart; a violin solo by little Darlene Van Maaron; song by the Junior choir; instrument duet by Darlene and Adrienne Van Maaron and Jane and Dorothy Anhors.

The dances freely given by Lillian Cozzub, owner and operator of the Calgary dancing school Mr. Mr. Frank Laut and MC for the occasion and tendered a special thanks to all the participants and also to the audience who supported the fine efforts of the leaders and groups. Mrs. Charney Mrs. Ruth Banta, Mrs. Van Maaron and Mrs. James Scholfield assisted at the pianos. The CGIT group and leaders wish to thank all who helped to make the evening such a huge success.



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—Central Press Canadian

A rather unusual story was told by Warrant Officer W. R. Dunlop of Camp Borden, Ont., who revealed that he had given birth to a baby son in a snowbound ambulance last week while the temperature hovered below zero. While driving to Borden for delivery, the officer became stuck in deep snow. Then in midst of confusion, Mrs. Dunlop called her husband and son, Warrant Officer William Carter, to assist at birth of baby Jane. When four sons finally got to hospital, two hours after birth of baby boy, it was discovered that neither mother nor son suffered any serious effects from delayment.

Record Prices Paid At Cattle Sale

CROSSFIELD.— Mr. Lloyd Smith is receiving congratulations here on the sale of a dozen choice fed beef in Calgary last week. He received \$24.75 a cwt. and the animals each weighed over 1,350 pounds. In round figures, each animal netted approximately \$330. This is a record for Crossfield.

CROSSFIELD.— With spring in the air, Mrs. Annie Aldred has arranged a meeting for March 28 for her Junior Garden Club members. Mrs. Frank Laut, assistant leader, will also be present. They hope to start their classes in plot and seed selection and general garden hints.

CROSSFIELD.— The Fish and Game Club held an executive Club room to make arrangements for the annual Fish and Game banquet April 12 in the Memorial Hall.

CROSSFIELD.— Hog raisers east of town have reported losing hogs which are apparently in good condition. S. H. McClelland, Calgary veterinarian, states that in all probability the losses were caused by lack of vitamin B in mash. Treatment was started on other hogs and a favorable response is reported.

Sales by Canadian department stores reached a new monthly peak in December, 1949, with a value of more than \$114,000,000.

Encouraging Results In Red Cross Drive

BEISEKER.— The Red Cross drive in the second week shows very encouraging results. Total reported up to last week was \$463. Donations for second week were \$319.30, making total of er, Wm. Hagel, Dan Heitrich, C. E. Hagel, Jos. Verhaest, Jos. Hagel Sr., Ed Schwartzenberger, E. Straub, Dan Konschuk, D. Togstad, John Gieck, Albert Hagel, W. J. Lavoie, W. H. Tidy, E. Croschel.

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\$1.30—Mrs. W. Veltier.

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Crossfield Pioneer Mrs. P. J. McNally Marks 80th Birthday

CROSSFIELD.— The CWL met recently at the home of Mrs. Bentz together with other visitors, to honor Mrs. P. J. McNally who in January attained the age of 80 years.

Mrs. McNally, who has been wonderful vitality and excellent health, was presented with a gift of china as a token of the esteem in which she is held by the CWL.

Father Tessier, who has just returned from the coast where he was convalescing after being hospitalized, made the presentation in a well-worded manner and Mrs. McNally responded.

A delicious lunch was served to the gathering.

Even Hagel, Mrs. E. N. Hagel, H. Borgardt, T. H. Murray, S. Silbergel, E. B. Hagel.

\$782.30 with still another week of canvassing. It is hoped that Beiseker and District will reach a grand total of at least \$1,000.

Further contributions are:

\$25—Jacob Wurtz, New Spring Valley colony.

\$20—Frank J. Schmalz.

\$15—H. C. Gibson, Rosebud Colony, per Mike Hofer.

\$10—Jos. Schmalz Sr., Matt Schmalz, E. A. Hagel, J. Zacher, John Howden.

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